

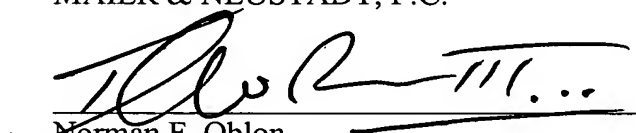
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5 have been canceled in favor of new Claims 6-19. Claims 6-19 find support at page 1, line 1, to page 2, line 19, and page 16, line 2, to page 18, line 18, of the specification and the original claims. No new matter is believed to be introduced by the newly added claims.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for examination on the merits. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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